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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to September 27, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003. A check for \$930.00 is enclosed.

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